# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:07-CV-00739

DAVID F. EVANS, et al.,	
Plaintiffs,	
<b>v.</b>	THE CITY OF DURHAM'S  MOTION TO DISMISS PLAINTIFFS'  SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT
THE CITY OF DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA, et al.,	) ) ) )
Defendants.	) ) )

The City of Durham, North Carolina (the "City"), by and through its attorneys, and pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, hereby moves the Court to dismiss all claims against the City in Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint, for failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

IN SUPPORT WHEREOF, the City respectfully shows the following:

1. Federal claims: Plaintiffs' causes of action brought upon federal grounds (Causes of Action 5, 7-12) and its prayer for injunctive relief are deficient for the reasons described in the City's prior briefing—its opening and reply briefs in support of its motion to dismiss Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint (Doc. Nos. 43 & 65) and its supplemental supporting brief (Doc No. 100). Pursuant to this Court's order (Doc. No. 115), the City incorporates those briefs and accompanying exhibits, along with its suggestion of subsequently decided authority (Doc. No. 114), in support of this Motion.

- 2. <u>State common-law claims</u>: The claims brought against the City pursuant to the common law of North Carolina (Causes of Action 13-22) are deficient for the reasons set out in briefs already before this Court.<sup>1</sup> Namely:
  - The City's opening brief in support of its motion to dismiss (Doc. No. 43) at 11-19 (City not responsible for Nifong or DSI as a matter of law); and reply brief in support of its motion to dismiss (Doc. No. 65) at 8-12 (same);
  - The City's supplemental brief in support of its motion to dismiss (Doc. No. 100) (lack of plausibility under *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 129 S. Ct. 1937 (2009));
  - Defendant Himan's Brief in Support of Motion to Dismiss (Doc No. 37) at 29-30 (no duty to Plaintiffs to support negligence claims); 31-34 (deficiencies in malicious prosecution, obstruction, conspiracy, and intentional infliction of emotional distress claims);
  - Defendant Gottlieb's Brief in Support of Motion to Dismiss (Doc. No. 39) at 35-41 (deficiencies in malicious prosecution, obstruction, conspiracy, and intentional infliction of emotional distress claims);
  - Defendant Addison's Brief in Support of Motion to Dismiss (Doc. No. 41) at 17-23 (deficiencies in malicious prosecution, intentional infliction of emotional distress, and negligence claims); and
  - Supervisory Defendants' Brief in Support of Motion to Dismiss (Doc. No. 35) at 44-47 (deficiencies in intentional infliction of emotional distress claims).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In its original motion (Doc. No. 42), the City did not move to dismiss all of the common law claims brought against the City in the original complaint (specifically, Causes of Action 16-19), as it does here. However, individual City Defendants did move to dismiss those claims, and briefed the issues (as noted above). In addition, the City moved to dismiss a number of analogous common-law claims in the parallel *McFadyen* and *Carrington* matters, and briefed the issues in those cases. *See, e.g.*, City's Brief in Support of Motion to Dismiss, *McFadyen v. Duke University*, No. 1:07-CV-00953 (Doc. No. 62) at 39-45; *Carrington v. Duke University*, No. 1:08-CV-00119 (Doc. No. 73) at 40-45. In accordance with the Court's Order, the City has not addressed these state common law claims in the brief accompanying this motion, which is limited to Plaintiffs' new state constitutional claim, but the City would be pleased to brief these claims should the Court so desire.

Pursuant to this Court's order (Doc. No. 115), those briefs are incorporated by reference in support of this Motion.

3. North Carolina Constitution claim. Plaintiffs' claim premised on an alleged violation of the North Carolina Constitution (Cause of Action 23) is deficient for the reasons described in the supplemental supporting brief accompanying this Motion. Pursuant to this Court's Order (Doc. No. 115), the City offers and relies on that accompanying brief in further support of this Motion.

WHEREFORE, the City prays that this Motion be granted, that Plaintiffs' claims, as set forth above and in the accompanying and incorporated briefs, be dismissed, and that the City be awarded such other and further relief as is just and proper.

This the 11th day of March, 2010.

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